

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-24, 26-48, 76-97, and 99-132 are pending. Claims 49-75 are cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter. Claims 106-132 are newly added. No new matter was added. Assignee respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 4-24, 26-48, and 97-105 were allowed. Assignee thanks the examiner for allowing claims 1, 2, 4-24, 26-48, and 97-105.

Claim Objections

Claims 49-96 were objected to as not being "within the scope" of the allowed claims. Assignee respectfully traverses the objection to claims 49-96 as there is no requirement for all pending claims to have the same scope. Accordingly, independent claims in an application are not required to include all of the same features. (See, e.g., MPEP § 802.01.) Nevertheless, claims 49-75 are cancelled rendering their rejections moot and corresponding claims 106-132 are added which include features consistent with the allowed claims. Assignee will consider filing a Divisional case if the Examiner issues a restriction against claims 76-96. However, given the remarks above, Assignee respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections to claims 49-96.

The presently pending claims of this application are allowable and Assignee respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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